

*Claims*

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Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

7. (previously added) An axle driving apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a hydrostatic transmission disposed within said housing, said hydrostatic transmission including a hydraulic pump and a hydraulic motor, said hydraulic motor including an output shaft;

a pair of axles disposed within said housing;

a pair of bevel gears, one disposed on each axle of said pair of axles;

a ring gear coupled to said output shaft of said hydraulic motor; and

a pair of pinion gears disposed within said ring gear and coupled to said pair of bevel gears, whereby said ring gear is supported within said housing by said pair of axles.

Claims 8-12 (cancelled).

13. (previously added) An axle driving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said hydraulic pump is located between said hydraulic motor and said axles.

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